

BILL NO. 85-30

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 85-30

Introduced by Council Members Schafer and Hutchins

Legislative Day No. 85-17 Date June 11, 1985

AN ACT to add new Section 14-26.1, heading, Stun Guns; Definition Of, and Section 14-26.2, heading, Stun Guns; Prohibition Against Sale or Discharge, to Article IV, heading, Weapons, of Chapter 14, heading, Morals and Conduct, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to prohibit the sale, transfer, possession, or discharge of stun guns with certain exceptions within Harford County.

By the Council, June 11, 1985

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: July 9, 1985

at: 7:00 P.M.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on July 9, 1985 and concluded on July 9, 1985.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County,*  
2 *Maryland,* that new Section 14-26.1, heading, Stun Guns; Definition  
3 *Of,* and Section 14-26.2, heading, Stun Guns; Prohibition Against  
4 Sale or Discharge; be, and are hereby added to Article IV,  
5 heading, Weapons, of Chapter 14, heading, Morals and Conduct, of  
6 the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:  
7 Chapter 14. Morals and Conduct.

8 Article IV. Weapons.

9 SECTION 14-26.1. STUN GUNS; DEFINITION OF.

10 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND  
11 PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS AS DEFINED BY THIS SECTION:

12 PERSON. ANY INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, OR  
13 CORPORATION.

14 STUN GUNS. AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE WHICH IS SPECIFICALLY  
15 DESIGNED TO TEMPORARILY INCAPACITATE A PERSON WITH A NON-LETHAL  
16 ELECTRIC SHOCK CAUSED BY DIRECT CONTACT OR PROJECTILE, BUT SHALL  
17 NOT INCLUDE ANY DEVICE SUCH AS CATTLE PRODS OR NERVE STIMULATORS  
18 SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR AND USED IN THE MEDICAL OR AGRICULTURAL  
19 FIELD.

20 SECTION 14-26.2. STUN GUNS; PROHIBITION AGAINST SALE OR DISCHARGE.

21 a. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO SELL, GIVE AWAY,  
22 LEND, RENT, OR IN ANY MANNER TRANSFER A STUN GUN TO ANY PERSON.

23 b. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO POSSESS, FIFE, OR  
24 DISCHARGE A STUN GUN.

25 c. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE HELD TO APPLY TO ANY LAW  
26 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHILE IN PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTY.

27 Section 2. *Be It Further Enacted* that the terms and provisions of  
28 this Section shall not apply to any incorporated town, city, or  
29 municipality located in Harford County.

30 Section 3. *And Be It Further Enacted* that this Act shall take  
31 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.  
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EFFECTIVE: September 9, 1985

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*The Secretary of the Council does hereby  
certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill  
are immediately available for distribution to  
the public and the press.*

*Angela Markowski* Secretary

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Read the third time.

Passed LSD 85-20 (July 9, 1985)

Failed of Passage \_\_\_\_\_

By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive  
for his approval this 10th day of July, 1985  
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

[Signature]  
County Executive

Date 7-10-85

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 85-30), having been approved by the Executive  
and returned to the Council, becomes law on July 10, 1985.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

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